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FOR AMBASSADOR DEVINE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH TEXAS INSTRUMENTS PRESIDENT

1. AT HIS REQUEST, MR. FRED BUCY, PRESIDENT OF TEXAS INSTRUMENTS (TI) MET WITH DEPARTMENT OFICIALS ON MAY 25 TO DISCUSS EL SALVADOR'S INTERNAL SITUATION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY. MEETINGS TOOK PLACE WITH AMBASSADOR ISHAM OF THE OFFICE FOR COMBATING TERRORISM, ARA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUSHNEL- AND COUNTRY OFFICER HICKS.

2. MR. BUCY WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN OUR INTERPRETATION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING AND TO INFORM US IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE OF TI'S CURRENT CONTINGENCY PLANNING RE FUTURE OPERATIONS IN EL SALVADOR (INCLUDING A POSSIBLE PULLOUT.) AT THE MOMENT THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE INTENTION TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A CONTINGENCY
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PLAN, RATHER TO INCORPORATE USG'S VIEWPOINT INTO TI'S DECISION MAKING PROCESS. BEING THE LARGEST FOREIGN ENTERPRISE IN EL SALVADOR, TI IS WELL AWARE OF THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT ITS ACTION COULD HAVE FOR THE ENTIRE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN EL SALVADOR AND FOR THE SALVADORAN ECONOMY.

WE ACKNOWLEDGED THE PRECARIOUSNESS OF DEVELOPMENTS

IN EL SALVADOR AND AGREED THAT TI ACTION LIKELY TO
START CHAIN REACTION AMONG OTHER FIRMS IN EL SALVADOR.

3. MR. BUCY MENTIONED THAT MANY SALVADORANS CON-
SIDERED USG HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AN IMPORTANT IMPEDIMENT
TO GOES DEALING EFFECTIVELY WITH TERRORIST PROBLEMS.
WE EXPLAINED OUR DISTINCTION BETWEEN COMBATING
TERRORISM AND DOING SO WITHOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.
AFTER DISCLOSING TI INFORMATION THAT A GERMAN BUSINESS
MAN IS BEING TARGETTED FOR FUTURE TERRORIST ACTION,
MR. BUCY THANKED US FOR THE FRANK DISCUSSION AND
PROMISED TO KEEP USG APPRISED OF TI'S DECISION.

4. WE ASSUME THE EMBASSY IS ALSO IN TOUCH WITH LOCAL TI
REPRESENTATIVE. VANCE

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